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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF AIR STRIKES ON ENEMY

FORCES PREPARING TO ATTACK PHOU PHA THI, SITE 65,
AND TAKING CONTACT IN THE AREA

ACCI: LAOS, VIENTIANE (18 MARCH 1968) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]
SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. ON 29 FEBRUARY AN AUTO-DEFENSE DE CHOC (ADC) COMPANY AT HOUEN VATOR (UH 69742) REPORTED ABOUT 30 PATHET LAO TROOPS IN THE VICINITY OF UH 69755. SHORTLY AFTER, GROUND FORCES PARSED THE POSITION FOR ATTACKING AIRCRAFT. AN ADC PATROL MOVED INTO THE AREA AFTER THE AIRSTRIKE AND COUNTED FOUR DEAD AND 2 PROBABLE ENEMY SOLDIERS WOUNDED. ADC TROOPS RECOVERED TWO RIFLES, ONE LIGHT MACHINE GUN, ONE NOTE BOOK AND OTHER FIELD GEAR.

2. ON 29 FEBRUARY AIR STRIKES IN THE PHOU DEU BIN (UH 7561)

AREA DAMAGED OR DESTROYED TWO BULLDOZERS AND KILLED FOUR NORTH VIETNAMESE AND FOUR NEO PATHET LAO. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE BULLDOZER OPERATORS. THE PATHET LAO WERE MEMBERS OF THE MAINTENANCE CREW. WORK STOPPED ON THE ROAD ON 1 MARCH AND WAS TO BE RESUMED AFTER NEW BULLDOZERS ARRIVED. AN AERIAL OBSERVER REPORTED THAT AFTER THE 29 FEBRUARY STRIKE THERE WERE TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AT [REDACTED] THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF THE BULLDOZERS.

3. AFTER AN AMBUSH OF AN ENEMY UNIT IN WHICH THEY USED MINES AT [REDACTED] UH 730570 TO KILL FIVE ENEMY SOLDIERS, MEMBERS OF LAO ARMED FORCES VOLUNTEER COMPANY (CV) 261 OBSERVED AN ENEMY UNIT BURNING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A STACK OF BODIES. MEMBERS OF CV 261 BELIEVED THE ENEMY DEAD WERE CASUALTIES FROM A RECENT AIR STRIKE. AT 1300 HOURS ON 29 FEBRUARY CV 261 AMBUSHED A 56-MAN ENEMY UNIT WITH MINES IN THE VICINITY OF [REDACTED] UH 805603 AND KILLED SIX OF THE ENEMY.

4. ON 29 FEBRUARY AIR STRIKES IN THE VICINITY OF [REDACTED] HAN HOUEI HAO (UH 73359) DESTROYED A LARGE NUMBER OF ROCKETS. (FIELD COMMENT: AN AERIAL OBSERVER DESCRIBED AIR STRIKES ON UH 73359 ON 29 FEBRUARY AS RESULTING IN HEAVY EXPLOSIONS WHICH

LISTED FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES AND NEDUM EXPLOSIONS WHICH LASTED FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES. APPARENTLY THE STRIKES WERE ON AN AMMUNITION DEPOT. A PATHET LAO DESCRIBED THE ROCKETS TO THE WIFE OF A VILLAGE CHIEF WHO WAS IN THE AREA ON 1 MARCH. FROM THEIR DESCRIPTION THE ROCKETS COULD HAVE BEEN 140MM ROUNDS.)

5. ON 25 FEBRUARY THE ENEMY CONSCRIPTED 400 VILLAGERS FROM QUOC LIEU (VN 1153) TO CARRY RICE AND AMMUNITION FROM VN 8351 TO VN 8370. ON 25 FEBRUARY 20 PATHET LAO FROM VN 8371 ARRIVED AT VN 9763 AND CONSCRIPTED 48 KILOGRAMS OF RICE, ONE PIG AND EIGHT HENS FROM THE VILLAGERS, WHOM THEY THEN FORCED TO CARRY THE COMMODITIES BACK TO VN 8371.

6. AT 1200 HOURS ON 29 FEBRUARY ENEMY TROOPS AT VN 73350 FIRED FIVE 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS AT A GUERRILLA POSITION AT VN 7654. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

7. ON 1 MARCH A COMPANY OF RED PATHET LAO AND NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY TROOPS WAS DISPOSED AT VN 732592 AND VN 730589. A FIELD HOSPITAL WITH ONE DOCTOR WAS AT VN 732592.

8. FIELD DIVISION STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCINNATI PACAF OFFICE [REDACTED]

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